

REMARKS

While the undersigned respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's continued obviousness rejection of Applicants' claims 9-17, in the spirit of cooperation and in order to advance Applicants' remaining rejected claims into an allowance with claims 18-23 for which allowability has already been indicated, Applicants and the undersigned have amended independent claim 9 to include some of the same language from previous dependent claim 18. When that language was made into an independent claim 18 by amendment, the Examiner indicated that such language caused the new independent claim to patentably distinguish over the cited art.

By amending independent claim 9 hereby, Applicants and the undersigned will have further distinguished all remaining claims 10-17 that also depend from and further narrow the scope of amended, independent claim 9. An error in the dependency of claim 11 (from itself) was also detected and corrected hereby.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that with the foregoing timely amendments to claims 9-17, the obviousness rejection of same should be reconsidered and withdrawn causing claims 9-17 to join previously allowable claims 18-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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